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Amendment B

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Sir:

This amendment is an additional response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2002, in modification of Amendment A filed by on February 19, 2003, to put the application in condition for allowance. After Amendment A, Claims 7-16 are pending. Applicant hereby requests that the application please be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please Cancel Claims 7-10.

Please amend Claim 11 as follows:

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11. (Amended) A flavored gelatin capsule suitable for encapsulating a dose, said flavored gelatin capsule comprising gelatin, a gelatin softener, water, and a water soluble flavoring, wherein said water soluble flavoring is present in said flavored gelatin capsule in a concentration which is in the range between about 0.25% and about 1.5% of said flavored gelatin capsule, and wherein said water is present in said flavored gelatin capsule in a concentration in the range between about 6% and about 10% of said flavored gelatin capsule, whereby the palatability of a dose encapsulated in said flavored gelatin capsule is improved by the water soluble flavoring.

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

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14. (Amended) The flavored gelatin capsule of claim 11 wherein the gelatin softener is present in a concentration in the range between 10% and 35% of said flavored gelatin capsule.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11 through 16 will remain pending after this amendment. The restriction on water content was moved from claim 14 to claim 11, which corresponds to original claim 1. Claims 7 to 10 were cancelled to place the balance of the case in condition for allowance, with traverse, and without disclaimer of the subject contained matter therein. It is respectfully argued that

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